Interior as consultants in accordance with the provisions of this Act, without deductions from compensation for retirement, without loss of or redetermination of retirement status, and without loss or reduction of retirement annuity or other benefits by reason of such employment, except that there shall be deducted from the compensation otherwise payable to any such retired employee sums equal to the retirement annuity or benefit allocable to the days of actual employment hereunder."

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 709]

AN ACT

December 23, 1944 [H. R. 3590] [Public Law 547]

For the relief of the city and county of San Francisco.

City and county of San Francisco, Calif.

Payment of claims

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the city and county of San Francisco, a municipal corporation, of San Francisco, California, the sum of \$18,101.68, in full settlement of all claims against the United States for reimbursement of expenses incurred in rebuilding and restoring a power transmission line and loss of power revenue in township 3 south, range 7 east, Stanislaus County, California, near Elliott Cut, a branch of the adjacent San Joaquin River, which transmission line was demolished by the crashing of a United States Navy Plane FM-1, Bureau number 150501, on May 10, 1943, while the said plane was engaged in making a flight over the area indicated: Provided, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, on account of services rendered in connection with such claim. It shall be unlawful for any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, to exact, collect, withhold, or receive any sum of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof on account of services rendered in connection with such claim, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 710]

AN ACT

December 23, 1944 [H. R. 4709] [Public Law 548]

To authorize increases in wages for certain employees of The Alaska Railroad for services rendered from May 1, 1943, to September 30, 1943, inclusive.

The Alaska Railroad.
Wage increases for certain employees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for services rendered by employees of The Alaska Railroad in Alaska during the period May 1, 1943, to September 30, 1943, inclusive, increases in wages over the amounts or rates paid during said period in accordance with the then current wage schedule, are hereby authorized in amounts sufficient to establish the following rates of pay per hour: Conductor, \$1.378; baggageman, \$1.221; brakeman, \$1.194; locomotive engineer, \$1.43; locomotive fireman, \$1.221; yard conductor, \$1.518; yard brakeman, \$1.334; yard locomotive engineer, \$1.57; yard locomotive fireman, \$1.361; hostler—terminal, \$1.24; hostler—road, \$1.184; hostler helper, \$0.995; engine watchman, \$0.944; and engineer-hostler, Fairbanks, \$1.486.